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**4th Graders Learn from Water Professionals and Community Members at the Marana Water Festival on November 16**  
By Arizona Project WET, Town of Marana, Tucson Water, and Carollo Engineers

Marana--On November 16, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 700 fourth graders from Marana Unified School District will gather at the Marana Water Festival at Crossroads, Silverbell District Park located at 7548 N. Silverbell Road, Marana, to learn about Arizona’s water resources and water in the earth system.

The interactive community water festival is part of a curriculum unit focused on water stewardship and STEM education and is sponsored by the Town of Marana, City of Tucson Water Department, and Carollo Engineers. The Water Festival unit includes teacher professional development, a Water STEM unit for teachers, and a community-supported Water Festival Education Event.

Through exploration and inquiry, students will learn about groundwater, the water cycle, watershed management, and water conservation technology. Volunteers from the Town of Marana, Tucson Water, Carollo Engineers, and Arizona Project WET’s Water Educators, will share lessons and tools to engage students in learning about the importance of water and what they can do to preserve this important resource. This is Marana’s second annual Water Festival for their fourth-grade students!

Created by Arizona Project WET, the Arizona Water Festivals have reached more than 110,000 students statewide since 2000! This long-lasting program is grant-funded and relies on the support of local partners such as the Town of Marana to support effective K-12 water science education.

“The Arizona Water Festival program combines effective teacher professional development, direct student outreach that extends classroom learning, and community engagement,” says Director Kerry Schwartz. “Bringing these components together is the hard work that APW does to achieve STEM literacy and water stewardship education in Arizona’s communities.”

Arizona Project WET is a program of the Water Resources Research Center and Arizona Cooperative Extension both part of the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. It is recognized by the Project WET Foundation for excellent state-specific water education resources including the Arizona Conserve Water Educators’ Guide, School Water Audit Program, and Water Scene Investigations.

For more information on the Arizona Water Festival program, please visit https://arizonawet.arizona.edu/programs/arizona_water_festival or contact Sara Krznarich at sarakrznarich@email.arizona.edu.